As per information received from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the last selection of students was made during the years 1998-1999, 1999-2000 wherein 18 candidates were selected, out of which 12 candidates have been sent abroad and Rs. 141.12 lakh have been incurred during 1999—2003.

Technical institutions in Bihar

3820. SHRI LALU PRASAD : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether after the reorganisation of the State, major technical insutitutions of Bihar have gone to Jharkhand;

(b) whether this loss of technical institutions has caused immense damage to the students of Bihar who intend persuing technical courses; and

(c) whether in view of large population and the need of the State to have technically qualified manpower, the Union Government propose to establish an I.I.T. in Bihar; if so, by what means and by what time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) Some technical institutions were transferred in Jharkhand consequent upon reorganization of the State of Bihar. However, Seven Degree Engineering Institutions are still in Bihar. At present, there is no proposal to establish an IIT in the State of Bihar.

Navodaya Schools in Uttar Pradesh

3821. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Navodaya Schools in Uttar Pradesh particularly Azamgarh and Mau districts are very less in number;

(b) whether Government would consider to open these schools in each of the districts of Uttar Pradesh not having such schools; and

(c) if so, by when and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) No, Sir. The scheme of Navodaya Vidyalayas envisages opening of one JNV in each district of the country. Out of 70 districts in Uttar Pradesh, JNVs have already been sanctioned in 65 districts, including Azamgarh and Mau districts as per norms.